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March 26, 1993

Mr. James Quello, Interim Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 802
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Chairman Quello:

I am writing regarding proposed rule making that affects emergency communications in our state and throughout the entire country. My understanding is that the FCC proposes, in the first phase, to reduce the area that emergency users can transmit their signals to a 25-mile radius, among other restrictions. Further, in its second phase, the FCC will force all emergency users to a higher frequency.

As I'm sure you are already aware, these proposed FCC rules will force the construction of countless additional transmitting towers and will render obsolete every piece of emergency radio equipment currently utilized by all police, fire, and ambulance personnel. We estimate this could cost users in Wyoming approximately \$16 million. I've seen nationwide estimates that range from \$500 million up to \$2 billion.

Wyoming is a rural state. We have two basic problems with the proposed rules. We don't experience any of the congestion problems of the east and west coasts that prompted your consideration of these rules and are very satisfied with existing systems. Secondly, a 25-mile radius would severely reduce the response abilities in many of our rural areas where communities, law enforcement and emergency facilities can be separated by distances which are far greater than 25 miles. I implore you to consider solving the problems at hand without imposing unimaginable burdens on areas that find current systems better suited to our needs than what would be the result of these rules.

It seems very reasonable to impose new rules only for the areas that are impacted by congestion and other urban problems. At a minimum, the rules must provide

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a rural waiver that would exempt states or areas like ours from such unnecessary burdens. I certainly hope that the FCC will take our grave concerns into consideration.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Sullivan", with a stylized, cursive script.

Mike Sullivan

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xc: Senator Malcolm Wallop
Senator Alan Simpson
Representative Craig Thomas
Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary, FCC